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VISIT OF UNITED NATIONS TO GUJARAT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a crisis management group of United Nations have visited Gujaratrecently to evaluate the destruction caused by recent earthquake and to identify the assistance required for rehabilitation works;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereon; and

(d) the details of the other international organisations involved in rescue works in earthquake hit Gujarat?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) to (c): A 5-member United Nations Disaster Assessment and Coordination(UNDAC) team visited Gujarat between 30th January to 19th February, 2001 with the primary objective of assessment of requirements and coordination between various UN agencies for relief. Accordingly, UN agencies are now working at Bhuj under the guidance of the State administration.

(d): The international organizations were not involved in rescue work, which was assisted by the search and rescue teams of the foreign countries.